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Computer Program Conducts Facilities Utilization and Occupancy Survey

The problem:

Since its early period of development, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory has periodically experienced a shortage of "space". Though the intensity of the problem has varied during the past, it has always been necessary to critically examine the utilization of facilities in a systematic fashion. Early utilization surveys were conducted primarily with the help of ad hoc teams making tours of the facilities and then assembling the data for a presentation of the conditions at the time of the survey. Manual updating of this type of survey was a tedious, time-consuming task, and as the Laboratory staffing increased it became wholly inadequate.

The solution:

A computer program was designed to identify the various uses of all offices, experimental laboratories, conference rooms, shops, etc., and to provide information on the net area in each room as well as the number and classification of people occupying them. When the data is assembled, punched on IBM cards, and processed through the computer, a record which will include every room in every building or trailer at JPL and its satellite facilities will be available. The program also provides a means to indicate unsatisfactory work areas and has the provision of being able to be updated each month.

How it's done:

The system itself is comprised of three programs and their subroutines:

(A) FACIL-S:

1. This program provides a report itemizing the buildings and rooms being utilized by each organizational unit.

2. This program produces a single summary card for each organizational unit.

(B) JOHN I:

1. This program uses the summary cards to produce a summary report by organizational unit for the total JPL.

(C) FACIL-B

1. This program provides a single report itemizing the rooms and their utilization in each building.
2. This program analyzes the building data and provides ten additional summaries, e.g., "Summary of Leased Buildings."

Notes:

1. The system is written in Fortran II for the IBM 1620 computer. The three programs can be processed separately or together. Approximately 1-1/2 hours of computer time is required to completely process the JPL data files consisting of approximately 3500 room entries.
2. Inquiries concerning this program may be made to:
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